

**Town Meeting Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee #1**  
Meeting of Tuesday, October 12, 2010  
Town Hall, Town Room

**Attendance:** Peggy Roberts, Adrienne Terrizzi, Mary Streeter, Rob Crowner, Harry Brooks. Also: Nonny Burack.

**1. Call to order:** Mary calls the meeting to order at 3:53pm.

**2. Minutes:** Mary moves, Adrienne seconds, and the minutes of the October 5, 2010 meeting are approved unanimously.

**3. Review data collection:** Mary and Adrienne describe the methodology of their research of time spent voting, for which they are using recordings of the past two years of Town Meeting sessions. They have not yet completed this work. They have observed that the reporting of votes in the official results does not always match the apparent events of the recordings. The data collected so far reveals an average start time of 7:40pm. At nine sessions per year, starting at 7:30pm would save 90 minutes annually. Members note that sometimes sessions don't start on time because the Select Board has not concluded its meeting beforehand or because there are people talking to the Moderator. Additionally, the Moderator does not make announcements until quorum is called, further delaying action on the warrant. It is observed that an average of 75 members are absent each session.

**4. Interim report:** Peggy states that the traditional Article 1 reports language is from a recommendation of an earlier incarnation of TMCC. Adrienne recommends that TMCC deliver an oral report that describes what the committee has been doing on behalf of its electorate. Harry suggests discussing how to save time at Town Meeting but Peggy would prefer limiting it to a review of steps taken based on the recommendations emerging from the electronic voting survey conducted in the Spring, including the data gathered and a brief analysis. Rob suggests mentioning that TMCC intends to make a decision eventually about whether it will sponsor articles making electronic voting possible event, but is not yet ready to do so.

**5. Adjournment:** The meeting is adjourned at 4:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rob Crowner

Documents provided:

1. agenda
2. draft minutes of October 5, 2010 meeting
3. work-in-progress time and attendance analysis by Mary Streeter